EMPLOYER STATUS DETERMINATION Chester Valley Railway Inc.

This is the determination of the Railroad Retirement Board concerning the status of Chester Valley Railway Inc. (CVR), as an employer under the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231 $\underline{\text{et}}$ $\underline{\text{seq}}$.) and the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act (45 U.S.C. §351 $\underline{\text{et}}$ $\underline{\text{seq}}$.).

Information regarding CVR was provided by John C. Nolan, Chief Executive Officer of CVR. According to Mr. Nolan CVR began doing business March 29, 1996. Mr. Nolan states that officers of CVR perform the required services for CVR without compensation.

In Surface Transportation Board Finance Docket 32883, CVR filed a notice of exemption to acquire and operate 2.14 miles of rail line formerly owned by Conrail. CVR interchanges with Conrail.

The evidence of record establishes that CVR is a carrier operating in interstate commerce. Accordingly, it is determined that CVR is an employer within the meaning of section 1(a)(1)(i) of the Railroad Retirement Act (45 U.S.C. § 231a(1)(i)) and the corresponding provision of the Railroad Unemployment Insurance Act effective March 29, 1996, the date as of which it commenced operations.

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FROM : Catherine C. Cook

General Counsel

SUBJECT: Coverage Determination

Chester Valley Railway Inc.

Attached is a proposed coverage ruling for Board approval.

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